UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

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DEFENDANT YOUNG'S OBJECTIONS TO PRESENTENCE REPORT

COMES NOW defendant, Elain Kay Young, by and through counsel, Jennifer Herndon and Michael J. Gorla, and for her objections to the Presentence Report, states as follows:

- 1. On March 19, 2012, defendant was found guilty by a jury of the following offenses: Count One: conspiracy to commit murder for hire in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1958; and Count Two: murder for hire in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1958.
- 2. Defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by this Court on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.
- 3. Defendant disputes certain facts and sentencing factors included in the Presentence Report, and defense counsel has discussed these matters with Ms. Allison K. Redfern, the Senior United States Probation Officer who authored the Presentence Report.
- 4. While some matters were resolved by the parties, the following disagreements remain unresolved:
- (a) **The Offense Conduct**: Defendant maintains that the government has not met its burden of proving her guilt of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the superseding

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indictment beyond a reasonable doubt. Accordingly, she persists in her pleas of not guilty, and objects to any and all facts contained in the description of the offense conduct as outlined in ¶¶ 5-23 of the PSR that indicate that defendant committed said offenses.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jennifer Herndon

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 8, 2012, the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of the Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon the following: Mr. Michael A. Reilly, Mr. Patrick T. Judge, and Mr. Thomas E. Dittmeier, Assistant United States Attorneys, 111 South 10th Street, 20th Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, and Ms. Allison K. Redfern, Senior U.S. Probation Officer, 111 South 10th Street, Suite 2.325, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

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